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On April 10, 1978, [redacted]
[redacted] Special Agent [redacted]
reviewed [redacted]
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[redacted] was detailed.

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Also [redacted] for [redacted]
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[redacted] South
Florida CETA Consortium, 7880 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami,
Florida, was advised of the identity of Special Agent
[redacted] and of the nature of the investigation
being conducted. He furnished the following information:

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CETA funds are obtained under grants from the U.S. Department of Labor. Little Havana Activity Center (LHAC) submits a proposal of what they are going to do for a year. This proposal is then reviewed by the Manpower Planning Council and other community committees, and if approved, put before the Consortium for a vote. (The Consortium is comprised of representatives from the Cities of Miami, Miami Beach, Hialeah, Dade County and Monroe County.)

The approved proposal is then submitted to the County Commissioners for authority to fund the agency. A contract is then prepared for LHAC (one copy of which is kept by the Consortium, and one copy by LHAC). The contract has a budget which delineates the amounts to be spent for salaries, fringe benefits, and expense reimbursements.

Also, LHAC is provided with a list of instructions regarding which expenses may be incurred.

LHAC uses the computer at United Way for processing its payroll; therefore, documentation for payroll and expense reimbursements are sent from LHAC to United Way, which then processes them and forwards the documentation to the Consortium [redacted] office).

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Ultimately, the original documentation goes to the County's finance department which in turn sends it to a warehouse in Hialeah for microfilming and storage.

LHAC was granted CETA funds under contract for the periods July, 1977, to July, 1978 and September, 1977 to September, 1978.

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[redacted] advised that the original documents would be under the custodianship of [redacted] of Federal Accounts at the County Courthouse, 73 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida.

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✓ LITTLE HAVANA ACTIVITY CENTER, AKA, FAG - DHEW (WELFARE)

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RE MIAMI REPORTS OF SA DATED

SEPTEMBER 1, 1977, DECEMBER 1, 1977, AND MARCH 1, 1978.

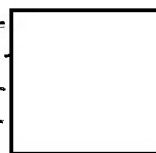
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ADMINISTRATION ON AGING, DHEW, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT
 VIOLATIONS OF SEVERAL FEDERAL STATUTES WAS CONTINGENT UPON
 STATE OF FLORIDA'S ^{ADAPTATION} ~~ADAPTION~~ OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS IN
 THEIR FUNDING REGULATIONS OF CAPTIONED AGENCY. THE
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DETERMINATION OF FULL DETAILS OF THE STATE REGULATIONS IS NECESSARY TO DETERMINE WHICH VIOLATIONS TO PURSUE AND THE EXTENT OF ADDITIONAL WORK TO BE PERFORMED PRIOR TO PRESENTATION BEFORE FEDERAL GRAND JURY (FGJ), CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR [REDACTED]

AREAS TO BE COVERED IN DEPTH INCLUDE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

IN VIEW OF PRIOR PROBLEMS OF STATE OFFICIALS DIVULGING INFORMATION TO LHAC, [REDACTED] RECOMMENDED CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AT FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, TO OBTAIN ANSWERS TO REMAINING QUESTIONS AND

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INSURE CONFIDENTIALITY.

BECAUSE OF THE CRITICAL NATURE OF THESE INTERVIEWS,
UACB SA [REDACTED] OF MIAMI DIVISION WILL TRAVEL
TO TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS WITH [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ON APRIL 20 AND APRIL 21, 1978.

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TONIA SASTRE TEJEDA was contacted at her residence, 1538 S.W. 22 Terrace. She was advised of the identities of the below listed Agents. She was further advised that inquiry was being made concerning an investigation of fraud against the government in the Little Havana Activity Center, main office located at 819 S.W. 12 Street in Miami.

Mrs. TEJEDA advised that she applied through Manpower Services, Inc., on May of 1976 for a position that was available at Little Havana Activity Center (LHAC). She stated she was advised at Manpower to go to United Way Headquarters to apply for that position. She then applied for the position at United Way and she was found to be qualified for the job position and she was hired.

She stated that her work year is divided between LHAC and the United Way of Dade. She stated that she works at LHAC from June through November and from November through June, she works for the United Way. Her title at United Way is Sponsor Executive and she is in effect, a fund raiser for United Way through direct contact with the public. During her stay at United Way, she is subject to being called by Mr. RAFAEL VILLAVARDE as the need arises in any public relations matter to which she is assigned when she works at LHAC. Only on rare occasions is she called back to LHAC. While employed at LHAC, she is Public Relations Assistant and deals with the press and news medias in providing information from the center to the public and private sectors. She stated she is directly supervised by [redacted] Assistant Administrator of the program at LHAC, who in turn is supervised by Mr. VILLAVARDE. She stated she is paid on a bimonthly basis on the 15th and 30th of each month. She picks up her check which is enclosed in a white envelop at LHAC from the secretary, [redacted] Upon receiving the check, she immediately signs a loose leaf notebook acknowledging receipt of the check. Additionally, she signs a second loose leaf notebook certifying agreement with the number of hours she is being paid for and the number of hours that she worked. She stated that only recently, and since the auditors from Tallahassee were at the center in November, 1977,

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by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] Date dictated 3/24/78

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on her return from the United Way, has she started to sign a daily time sheet reflecting arrival times, departure times, and destinations upon departure from the center. Prior to signing this daily time sheet, she reported directly to [redacted] and that at no time records reflecting her daily working hours were kept. She works from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. She sometimes works on Saturdays, however, does not get paid for these hours.

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Mrs. TEJEDA advised she is paid by check, which she deposits into her checking account at the Pan American Bank. With one exception, she always receives the same type check. She exhibited to the interviewing Agents a paycheck stub dated February 28, 1978, containing the following information and she stated this is the only bimonthly payroll check that she receives:

Earning Record United Manpower Services, Inc., check number 58548, in the name of TONIA S. TEJEDA, Social Security Account Number 260-74-9584, year to date earnings \$1,486, year to date taxes paid \$191.12, year to date FICA \$89.92.

She also exhibited to the interviewing Agents a W-2 form for the year ending 1977:

Number 59-1635211, United Manpower Services, Inc., in the name of TONIA S. TEJEDA, address 955 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida, total earnings \$8,798.20, taxes withheld \$1,305.95, FICA withheld \$514.65.

Mrs. TEJEDA also exhibited to the interviewing Agents a payroll check stub of United Way dated March 15, 1978. She stated that this was the first check she had ever received from United Way and that it was "something new". The stub reflected the following information:

United Way of Dade, Inc. - Impress Fund,
TONIA S. TEJEDA
Payroll Check (void) 59403
Gross \$390
FICA (\$23.63)
Taxes withheld (\$51.90)
United Way (\$2.54)
Salary Retroactive in January, 1978, net earnings
\$388.43.

She stated she deposited this check into her checking account at the Panamerican Bank.

She continued to advise that she has never received a payroll check from LHAC. The only checks she has received from LHAC have been for reimbursement for purchases of supplies such as still camera film. These have been very few and nominal (less than \$5) amounts. She exhibited a check to the interviewing Agents, which reflected the following information:

Little Havana Activity Center, Inc., account number II, check number 694, TONIA S. TEJEDA, 819 S.W. 12th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33130, drawn on the Southeast First National Bank of Miami, account number 07-378-3.

Mrs. TEJEDA advised she is not aware of any fraud schemes at LHAC concerning federal or state funds, skimming of funds, illegal payments, salary payments to individuals being carried on the payrolls, but not actually working, or to any other persons being paid to perform services of a personal nature. She knows of no political influences or individuals with political ties, who are associated with LHAC or does she have knowledge of any illicit drug sales at the center. She is unaware and has not seen any mass or other form of alteration or doctoring of documents or records. She has not been approached by anyone suggesting to her to falsify records, nor has she falsified any records or documents. Additionally, she has never been asked, nor has she ever signed any check made out in her name, payroll or otherwise, to which she is not entitled and turned this over to anyone. She has never been a part of any illegal activities at LHAC.

Mrs. TEJEDA stated she doubts if any of the above allegations are true and that she suspects the (Miami News) newspaper was a source of the above allegations which are in her opinion totally unfounded. She stated she is at LHAC everyday, Monday through Friday, during most of the 9 to 5 p.m. working hours and everyone that signs the time sheets and

attendance record on a daily basis work there. Mrs. TEJEDA declined to volunteer any names of coworkers, other individuals associated with LHAC, or to furnish any other information unless the interviewing Special Agents make specific inquiries. She stated no one employed by LHAC [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] She then provided the following information concerning the below named individuals:

OFELIA CASTRO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She had applied and qualified for a position with CETA as she was without work for more than 15 consecutive weeks. She is employed as a recreational aid at a dining hall (Comedor) in Hialeah.

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[REDACTED] TEJEDA stated she saw her only once at LHAC on an unrecalled date, when [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and is currently employed by [REDACTED]

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JUSTO REGALADO. She stated she knows Mr. REGALADO well and that he is an attorney, a reporter, and a past president of the Asociacion de los Viejos Utiles. He has never worked for LHAC, nor has she seen him there.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] located on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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ARMANDO GARCIA SIFREDO, a past director of the newspaper "Patria", and is now currently with the newspaper "La Nacion". He is also a commentator with WRHC radio. He

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resigned from LHAC in June or July of 1976 following a "fight" with Mr. RAFAEL VILLAYERDE.

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ARTURO CASTRO, Sr. Recently hired by the Department of Activities and Transportation, which is directed by [REDACTED] in the capacity of transportation coordinator.

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Mrs. TEJEDA advised that the LHAC currently operates nine Comedores (dining halls), which are located and ran by the following individuals. She advised that each Comedore furnishes a report to the main office at LHAC by submitting a list on a daily basis indicating the number of meals served. She has had access to the lists and stated that approximately 12,500 persons are fed by the Comedores on a daily basis.

Centro Hispano Catolico, 130 N.E. 2nd Street, Miami.

[REDACTED] LHAC (St. Mathews), 812 S.W. 12 Street,
Miami, Florida

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[redacted] Palm Tower, 915 N.W. 95 Street,
Miami, Florida

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[redacted] Peter Plaza, 191 N.E. 75 Street,
Miami, Florida.

Holy Cross Episcopal (Wynwood), 123 N.E. 36 Street,
Miami, Florida.

[redacted] St. Cecilia Catholic Church,
3190 West 15 Avenue, Hialeah, Florida.

[redacted] Riverside, 819 S.W. 12 Avenue,
Miami, Florida

[redacted] Coconut Grove, 3230 Hibiscus Gibson
Building

Alapatha, 2229 N.W. 28 Street, Miami, Florida,
[redacted]

The following description of Mrs. TEJEDA was
obtained:

Name	TONIA SASTRE nee TEJEDA
Date of Birth	January 1, 1922
Place of Birth	Minorca, Spain
Marital Status	Widowed five years
Height	Five feet and five inches
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Black, graying
Eyes	Brown (reading glasses)
Social Security Account Number	262-74-9584
Local Residence	1538 S.W. 22 Terrace, Miami, Florida

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[redacted]
[redacted] was contacted at his place of employment, at which time he was advised that he was being contacted regarding his past association with the activities of Little Havana Activities Center (LHAC). He was thoroughly advised of the nature of the interview by interviewing Agents. The interview was conducted [redacted] [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated that he was employed at LHAC from [redacted] He started as [redacted] [redacted] and ended up as a [redacted] His initial salary as [redacted] and later as [redacted] he was making [redacted] His duties as [redacted] consisted mainly in [redacted]

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[redacted] he saw to it that [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] He advised that [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] As far as the English lessons were concerned, he stated that they were taught by an unknown individual from the education department, and there were also citizenship classes to teach the elderly how to pass their citizenship tests. He stated that [redacted] was usually the person in charge of the sewing classes. He stated that he thought that [redacted] was not employed by LHAC inasmuch as he never saw her collect a check at the center. [redacted] stated that there were also dietetic classes taught by an unknown professor, possibly [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he was not aware of any "Botellas" in the LHAC. This he said pertained to the area of [redacted] but as for the whole LHAC, he cannot answer because he did not

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have responsibility, other than [REDACTED]
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He stated that [REDACTED] was seen in the LHAC, but was not aware of him being an employee. He also stated that it was his knowledge that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

In regards to [REDACTED] he said that he was employed at LHAC and that LUIS TORNES was employed at LHAC, but he does not know him or where he was employed.

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JUSTO REGALADO was associated in the administration of Title III and Title VII, and also with SABER, Manpower, and City of Miami programs. He was a member of the interim committee administering these programs.

[REDACTED] was an employee at LHAC, but he was not aware under what specific program.

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ARMANDO GARCIA SIFREDO was also employed under the same circumstances as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was not an employee of LHAC, and he does not know [REDACTED] He does not know [REDACTED] and does not know the relationship between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated he was not aware of any skimming of State and Federal funds in the LHAC. Also he advised he was not aware of any duplication of positions or pay at the center; this involving the funding and payment to an individual by the Federal, State and local agencies. [REDACTED] stated that this did not occur at LHAC during his time. He said that [REDACTED]
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[redacted] advised that at the beginning of the program [redacted]
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There was no use of babysitters paid for by the LHAC, as recalled by [redacted] by VILLAYERDE, [redacted]
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[redacted] stated that he does not know if VILLAYERDE is using the LHAC program for the elderly to personally enrich himself.

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He stated that he does not know [redacted] and that he is not an employee of LHAC; also that ARTURO CASTRO, SR. may or may not be an employee of LHAC.

As far as OFELIA CASTRO, wife of ARTURO CASTRO, SR., he did not know her status as an employee.

He was not aware of any narcotics or drugs being used or trafficked by LHAC employees and/or its officers.

[redacted] stated that he has never endorsed any checks in regard to turning over such check to United Way or any other agency.

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Regarding the relationship of the following individuals to LHAC and RAFAEL VILLAYERDE, [redacted] stated the following:

[redacted] is the [redacted] for the Florida Health and Rehabilitation Services, and attends meetings at the LHAC regarding programs of the State of Florida for the elderly.

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[redacted] is professionally involved with RAFAEL VILLAYERDE, whose offices are at [redacted] Street, Miami, Florida, and who also frequented LHAC to visit VILLAYERDE.

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[redacted] is personally involved with VILLVERDE, as she is the [redacted] of the adult program of the Miami Health and Rehabilitative Services, under the Title XX Program. [redacted] is also the [redacted]. Her dealings with VILLVERDE are from the professional standpoint. She is not involved with [redacted] in any way.

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[redacted] is an employee working for [redacted] does not know her relationship to LHAC and VILLVERDE.

[redacted] is the [redacted] [redacted] does not know [redacted] and is not aware of [redacted] degree of involvement with VILLVERDE and the LHAC.

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[redacted] is employed at LHAC as a [redacted] [redacted] does not know whether she is paid by LHAC, Manpower, SABER, or City of Miami.

[redacted] is employed in the administration of Title III and VII Programs. She is not at LHAC and he does not know her relationship to VILLVERDE.

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[redacted] for awhile at United Way.

[redacted] was an [redacted] for United Way, and held that position before [redacted] does not know what [redacted] are doing at the present time.

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[redacted] stated that he is not aware of any city official involved as a "Botellas" and on LHAC's payroll. As for relatives of city officials, he stated that he did not know of any. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is not familiar to him, and he does not know her.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] was a [redacted] at LHAC. He does not know her exact title while at LHAC. [redacted] does not know who [redacted] is.

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He does not know who [] is. [] stated that [] was employed at LHAC and was a [] at Peters Plaza.

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He said that TONIA SASTRE is employed at LHAC in a community relations position. He does not know if she is paid by LHAC, United Way, Manpower, or City of Miami.

[] stated that he is not aware of misuse of funds by SABER, Incorporated, or Confederation of Cuban Professionals in Exile.

[] stated that while he was working as a [] for Title III Project, VILLAYERDE asked him to get bid prices from different places in order to serve the meals at the different sites. [] stated that the following individuals had been contacted by him in order to call for bids:

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2. [] care of []
telephone []
3. [] care of Restaurant Castillosa,
490 S. E. 10th Court, Hialeah, Florida, telephone []
4. Restaurant 1500, 1500 N. W. 12th Avenue,
Miami, Florida.
5. Dietcraft, care of []
6. Construction Catering.
7. Las Americas, 3247 N. W. 7th Street, Miami,
Florida.

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[] stated that according to his notes, on October 30, 1974 three individuals were given bid packages, two of them being [] and [] [] stated that he did not recognize the signature of the third

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individual. [] advised that in 1974 there were lower bids from other caterers, but they were not accepted. [] stated that maybe it was because Construction Catering was already providing the services and had the experience to continue providing these services.

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[] stated that in regards to the Title VII Program [] the functions of the dining halls participating in the Title VII nutritional program. He said the funding for these dining halls was 90% Federal and 10% local (5% being in kind). He said that the in kind pertained to the local agency crediting volunteers' help, amounting to only 5% of the 10% local share. He said each dining hall had approximately five volunteers. The volunteer help plus building and equipment was used for in kind credit. He stated that in kind credit totals were computed by the accountant and receptionist, being [] stated that the in kind program had pink slips in triplicate which were signed by the volunteers. He advised that the donations from the participants consisted of cash or food stamps, which were turned over to the site managers, and were then forwarded to [] will in turn deposit these amounts in a savings account where only the State of Florida could withdraw.

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[] stated that in regard to his employment with LHAC, he applied for the position of [] The position of [] was given to him by RAFAEL VILLAVERDE. He stated that he did not apply for that job, he did not take a competitive examination, and was not even aware that he had been granted it until VILLAVERDE told him he was the []

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[] stated that he was never really happy while at LHAC. He stated he sought other employment, and when he was accepted by the [] he resigned his position with LHAC. He worked with the [] from [] to [] In [] he accepted the position of [] after having been interviewed by a []

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committee for the Senior Citizens of Dade County, Incorporated, at 1407 N. W. 7th Street, Miami, Florida. [] did not specify as to the reasons or causes of his dissatisfaction while at LHAC.

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[] stated that he is presently the [] for the Senior Centers of Dade County, Incorporated, a privately funded, non-profit organization, which is also sponsored by Federal and local funds. [] stated that the following individuals are presently on the Board of Directors of the Senior Centers of Dade County, Incorporated: []

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[] stated that he is not aware of any terrorists being employed by LHAC, and also since there is no list identifying individuals as terrorists, there is no way to find out who are the pro- or anti-CASTRO terrorists.

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[] stated that at the present time the only way he is related to LHAC is that he provides four volunteer senior aides to work at LHAC as follows:

1. [] job title - []
work hours - [] telephone number
[] hour rate [] supervisor - []
2. [] job title - []
work hours - [] telephone number
[] hour rate [] supervisor - []

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3. [] job title - []
work hours - [] on []
[] telephone number [] hour
rate [] supervisor - []

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4. [] job title - []
[] work hours - [] telephone number []
[] hour rate [] supervisor - []

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[] stated that in August of 1976 there were an undetermined amount of meals in the nutrition program. He advised that it was impossible for him to determine the exact or approximate amount of daily meals served at each center, due to the fact that these figures varied from day to day, week to week, and center to center. It was possible that on one occasion 60 meals were served at one center, and on a different day or week they could be serving 150 meals.

[] stated that at the beginning of the Title VII Program there were approximately 400 meals a day total amount, but he emphasized that he could not recall the approximate amount of meals served by the end of August, 1976. [] stated that the site managers would usually request directly to him the number of meals they wanted to be served. He stated that then the caterer would deliver the food and the sit manager would sign the receipt, and then this receipt would be sent to an elder person who worked in the statistics, possibly named [] and he, in turn, once a month, would turn the receipts over to [] stated that he used to visit all the centers very frequently, at least once every two weeks.

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The following background information of [] was obtained through interview and observation:

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Race:
Place of Birth:

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Date of Birth:
Nationality:

Height:
Weight:
Hair:
Eyes:
Residence:

Wife:

Children:
Occupation:

Past Employment:

Education:

Father:
Mother:

Sisters:

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[redacted] telephone number [redacted] was contacted at his residence, at which time he was advised of the nature of the interview. [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] stated that he started working at the Little Havana Activities Center (LHAC) as a part-time employee back in [redacted]. He stated that his main duties consisted on [redacted]

[redacted] He stated that he worked at the LHAC for a short while and later began [redacted]

[redacted] stated that it was [redacted] the person who talked to RAFAEL VILLAYERDE, in order to obtain the job at the LHAC. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was the [redacted] of the CIS department at the Metro Building. [redacted] said that he did not know the meaning of "CIS". [redacted] stated that during that time [redacted] used to give VILLAYERDE about three busses for the LHAC transportation of the elderly. [redacted] did not know if these busses were loaned or rented to VILLAYERDE. [redacted] disclosed copies of checks he got paid while working for the [redacted] [redacted] as follows:

Check NumberDateAmount[redacted][redacted][redacted]

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[] also furnished copies of checks that he received from the LHAC under the nutritional program, as follows:

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
[]	[]	[]

[] stated that on various occasions he saw [] enter VILLAVERDE's office to discuss problems, but he was not aware of [] occupation.

[] was the president of the Association of Businessmen, but he never saw him at the LHAC.

JUSTO REGALADO had an office next to VILLAVERDE's office. REGALADO was in charge of coordinating activities for the elderly.

[] was never seen at the LHAC. [] knew [] as a member of the []

ARMANDO GARCIA SIFREDO was a newspaperman for the newspaper "Patria", and also a radio station broadcaster.

[] advised that he did not know [] nor []. He stated that he knew [] as a [] and also as a []. [] also had some [] stated that he did not know who [] were. [] advised that he was not aware of any misuse of funds by name of the officers at the LHAC, due to the fact that he did not work in the office, and that his association with the officers was very limited.

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The following background information was
obtained from

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Name:

Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:
Resident Alien
Number:
Occupation:

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[redacted]
Administration on Aging, United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (DHEW), 101 Marietta Tower, Room 901, Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at the Miami, Florida, Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He furnished the following information:

[redacted] has been employed with DHEW since [redacted]
[redacted] and has [redacted]

Regarding Federal grants to Little Havana Activity Center (LHAC), DHEW has taken the approach of making each state responsible for monitoring and administering programs.

Previously, the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRS), Tallahassee, Florida, made direct grants to LHAC. Then, in October, 1973, the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) was created under Title III, because the states had not been effective in administering programs. States were given the option to fund directly on Title VII or to go through AAA.

The State of Florida then put all Title VII programs in Dade County under AAA. State law created a State District office to oversee United Way's administering Title VII funds in making awards to projects. Therefore, United Way makes the award to LHAC; and LHAC is directly responsible to United Way for Title VII monies. United Way, in turn, is directly responsible to HRS.

[redacted] is not aware if the Los Viejos Utiles (LVU) program is administered under Federal funds. There is a possibility that LHAC has specifically written into its programs that LVU is to specifically be administered by it; stating the objectives, goals, and purposes; and detailing it in their records.

Regarding requirements to pay fees for services, Part 909.44 of Chapter IX of Title 45 of the Code of Federal

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Regulations pursuant to the provisions of Title III of the Older Americans Comprehensive Services Act (Public Law 93-29) requires the recipients of grants or contracts to provide participants with the opportunity to pay all or part of the cost of the meals served under the program. Recipients of grants or contracts establish schedules of suggested fees for contributions by participants toward the cost of the meal. The schedules must take into consideration the income ranges of eligible individuals. However, each individual participant shall determine for himself what he is able to contribute toward the cost of a meal. No individual shall be denied participation in the program because of inability to pay all or part of the cost of the meals served.

[] further advised that provision of "in kind" services is allowed by DHEW as a means of providing matching funds if the individual state approves this. [] is not aware if the State of Florida has approved "in kind" services. Section 909.58 of Rules and Regulations to Public Law 93-29 permits this.

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[] also indicated that the state can adopt guidelines for education and other eligibility requirements for hiring.

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[] advised that if LHAC hires an individual at less than budgeted amount, an amended budget would have to be submitted in order to use the other funds.

Also, for nutritional requirements, the state can add to but cannot subtract from Federal requirements. HRS must approve each of LHAC's menus in advance, including quality and quantity. [] at HRS would have copies of LHAC's menus.

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The state also sets the requirements on bidding and rejection of low bids. The HRS Grants Management manual would detail this from 1974 forward. For prior to 1974, [] at HRS would have information concerning bidding.

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[] furnished copies of the Federal Register entitled "Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Social and Rehabilitation Service; Nutrition Program for the Elderly" and "Title 45 - Public Welfare; Chapter IX Administration on Aging; Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Part 903 - Grants for State and Community Programs on Aging."

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[] also furnished a copy of the "Older Americans Act of 1965, As Amended."

memorandum

DATE: April 17, 1978

REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT

LITTLE HAVANA ACTIVITY CENTER, AKA
FAG - DHEW (WELFARE) (A)

TO: SAC, MIAMI (46-4385) (P)

On 4/17/78 Source met with BuAgents and advised that

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Spanish Speaking
Agents familiar with this matter should be immediately
assigned to interview these individuals in view of the
anticipated start of Federal Grand Jury on [REDACTED]b3
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Phone: [REDACTED]

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Phone [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

WRI:

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1 - SA [REDACTED]

1 - SA [REDACTED]

1 - SA [REDACTED]

1 - SA [REDACTED]

1 - SA [REDACTED]

1 - SA [REDACTED]

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Refer to questions from
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[redacted] was interviewed at her home,
[redacted] telephone number
[redacted] by SAs [redacted]
who identified themselves to her by Federal Bureau of
Investigation (FBI) credentials.

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[redacted] stated [redacted]

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[redacted] said that [redacted]

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Mr. JOSE RICARDO TREGENT-TORRES, 1066 West 28th Street, Apartment 102, was contacted by SAs [redacted] [redacted] Miami Division, Miami, Florida, who immediately advised him of their identities and of the inquiry being conducted into possible fraudulent practices in the operation of the Little Havana Activity Center (LHAC), Miami, Florida.

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Mr. TREGENT agreed to be interviewed and furnished the following information:

He has been a volunteer for approximately two years at the Hialeah Meal Center for the LHAC. In this position, he helps people who need assistance in eating their meals such as the elderly and the blind.

In addition, he is in control of the time sheets of volunteers which he understands are sent to the LHAC and prior to November of 1977, also to the United Way.

He stated that he does not know what is done with the time sheets after they are received at the LHAC.

Mr. TREGENT stated that in addition to the time sheets, the volunteers are required by the Hialeah Meal Center to complete a form called the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and Volunteer Actions Center. This form is completed by each volunteer and is signed by the volunteer and the supervisor who is [redacted]

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Mr. TREGENT stated that he believes that the form, Retired Senior Volunteer Program and Volunteer Actions Center, was required by the United Way for insurance purposes to protect the volunteers in case of injury during travel in connection with their duties.

Mr. TREGENT stated that the following individuals are employed at the Hialeah Meal Center:

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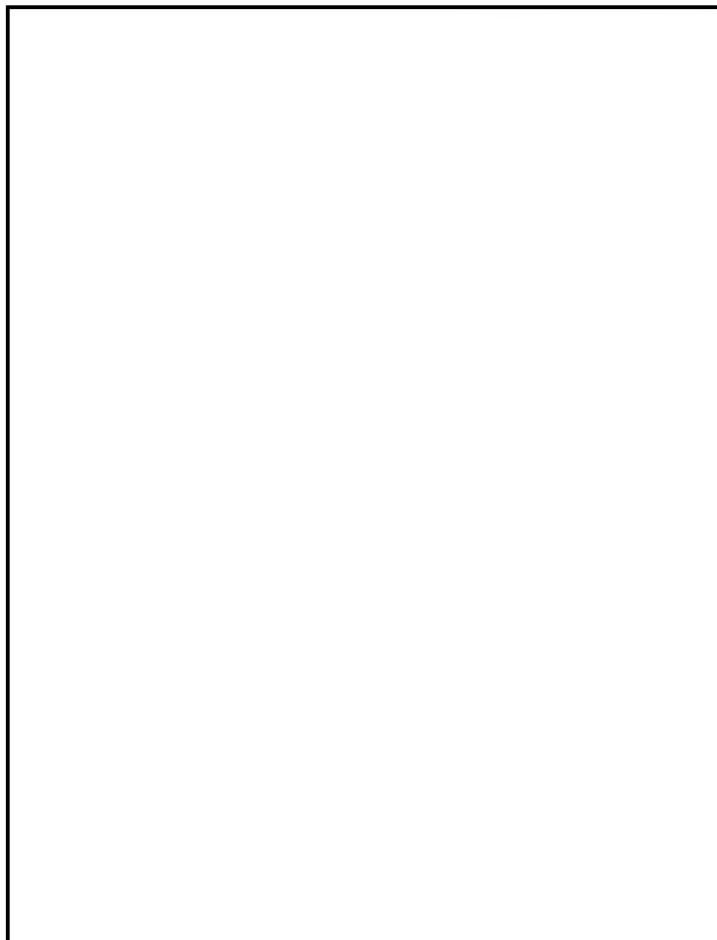
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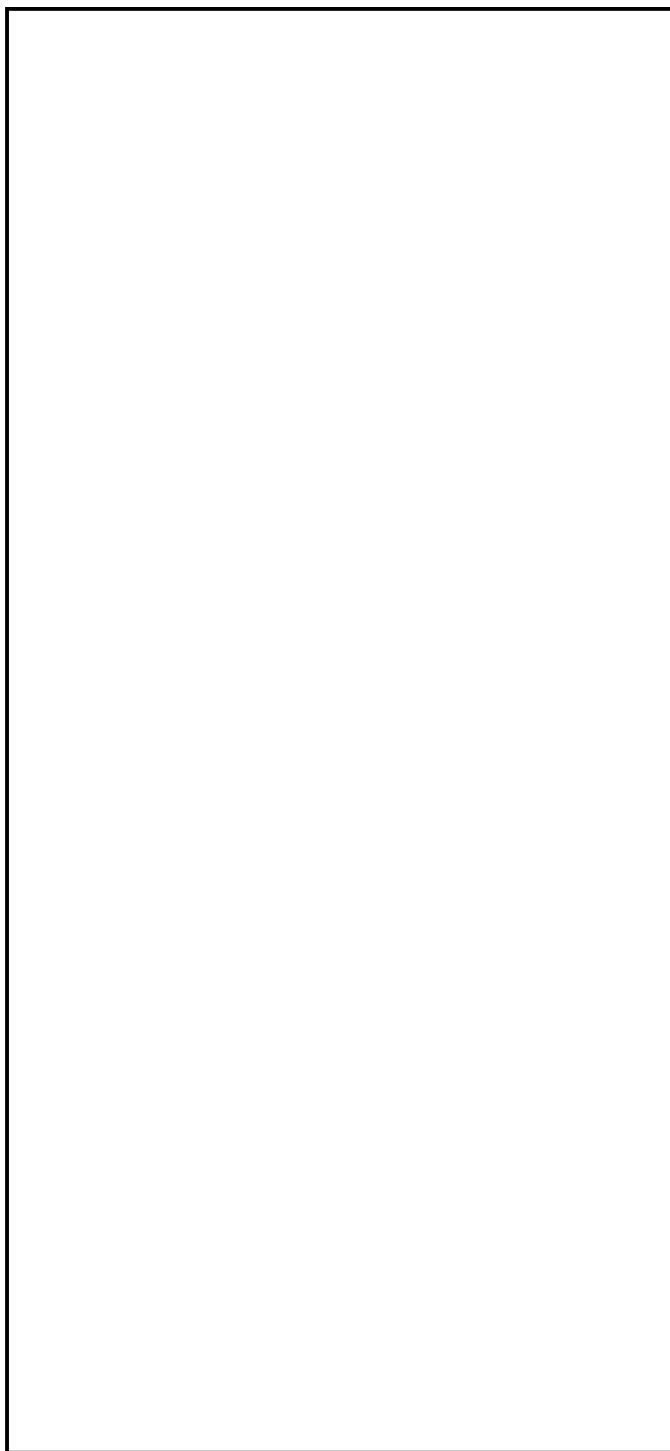
Mr. TREGENT stated he has knowledge only of
volunteers at the Hialeah Meal Center, who are as follows:



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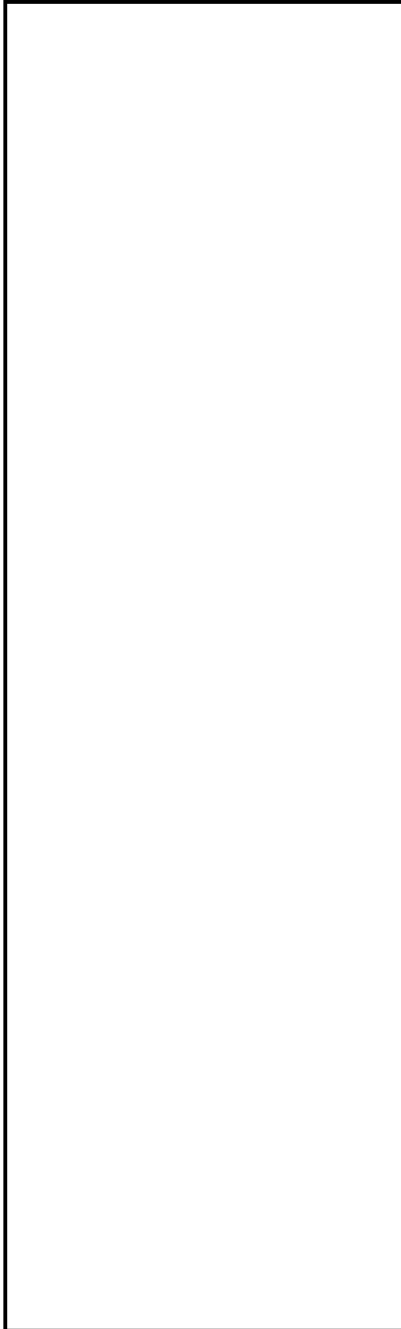
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Mr. TREGENT stated that he does not know of any irregular practices taking place at the Hialeah Meal Center.

He stated that he has no knowledge of possible fraud in administering the meal program and said that there is an average of approximately 150 individuals who participate in the meal program with the capacity of 180 persons.

The following is background information obtained from interview and observation of JOSE RICARDO TREGENT-TORRES:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	January 2, 1912
Place of birth	Havana, Cuba
Height	5'2"
Weight	125 pounds
Eyes	Green
Hair	Gray
Alien Registration Number	A20-796-712
Social Security Number	026-52-4600
Cuban Passport Number	11196

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GLORIA DEL CARMEN CORTIZO was interviewed at her place of residence, 1301 Valencia, Coral Gables, Florida. She was advised of the personal and official identities of the interviewing Agents and was advised of the nature of the interview. She furnished the following information:

She advised that she is employed by the Little Havana Activities Center (LHAC), located at 819 S. W. 12th Avenue, Miami, Florida. She advised that she is employed from nine o'clock on the morning until approximately one o'clock in the afternoon, Monday through Friday, and earns \$99.95 every 15 days. She advised that her boss is [redacted] (last name unknown) and she (CORTIZO) performs odd jobs around the LHAC; however, most of the time she is involved in cutting and packaging meal tickets for the meal program involving the elderly in the Dade County area.

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She advised that she works on the top floor of the LHAC and advised that she has no knowledge of any "Botellas", padding of meals in connection with the meal program for the elderly, and has no knowledge of any illegal activities connected with the LHAC. She advised that she has never worked for RAFAEL VILLAYERDE or [redacted] in the capacity as babysitter, seamstress, or in any other capacity at their homes or office.

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She furnished a check stub which indicated that she was being paid from the Special Grant Payroll, which is money from a Federal agency to the LHAC, and designated as funds from NRTA and AARP.

The following description of CORTIZO was obtained through observation and interview:

Name:	GLORIA DEL CARMEN CORTIZO- ECHEVARRIA
Sex:	Female
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	April 10, 1909

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Place of Birth:	Havana, Cuba
Hair:	Black, worn short
Eyes:	Brown, wears prescription eyeglasses
Alien Registration Number:	A12 315 182
Port of Entry Into United States:	New York City, New York on August 12, 1965
Current Resident Address:	1301 Valencia, Coral Gables, Florida, telephone 667-3165

She advised that she is staying with the family, who are long-time friends whom she has known for many years.

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[redacted] was interviewed at her residence, situated at [redacted]. She was advised of the personal and official identities of the interviewing Agents and was advised of the nature of the interview. She furnished the following information:

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She advised that during approximately [redacted] she was employed as a [redacted] by the [redacted]. She advised that she was the [redacted]. She advised that she was employed in this capacity for approximately [redacted] and while employed as [redacted] she met many individuals, which included RAFAEL VILLAVERDE. She advised she terminated employment with [redacted] in order to [redacted].

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She advised she is currently employed as a [redacted] working mainly with the elderly, with her office located at [redacted] which is in the same building where the [redacted]. She advised that on [redacted] she obtained a job as an [redacted] at the Little Havana Activities Center (LHAC) and was later promoted to [redacted] during [redacted].

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She advised that during the political campaign of City of Miami Mayor MAURICE FERRE, she had met RAFAEL VILLAVERDE and approximately one month after meeting VILLAVERDE she telephonically contacted him and inquired if any job openings existed. She advised that approximately one week after the call, she went to the LHAC, situated at 819 S. W. 12th Avenue, Miami, Florida, and was interviewed by RAFAEL VILLAVERDE. She was thereafter interviewed by [redacted].

She advised that she was told by [redacted] that she appeared to be a good prospect for the job and that [redacted] would recommend her [redacted].

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to RAFAEL VILLAVERDE. Approximately [redacted] after the interview, she was telephonically contacted by RAFAEL VILLAVERDE and was again interviewed, and informed by VILLAVERDE that she would be employed, but would be placed on probation for three months. She advised that she was subsequently trained by [redacted] for her job.

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She advised that she is employed from [redacted] in the morning to approximately [redacted] in the afternoon, [redacted] and she said she feels that she earns her money.

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She advised that she does not have any knowledge of any "Botellas" employed by the LHAC.

She advised that [redacted] [redacted] is employed by the LHAC and works close to [redacted] who is [redacted] meal program for the elderly in the Miami, Florida area. She advised that [redacted] is employed along with [redacted] in the meal program. She advised that she has not heard, and does not have any knowledge of any misconduct on the part of employees handling meal programs, and has no knowledge of any "padding" of meals. She advised that she has no knowledge of any LHAC employees working as babysitters or other domestic work on behalf of RAFAEL VILLAVERDE or [redacted]

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She advised that approximately two months ago the time sheet system for the LHAC was changed from that whereby all employees signed in daily on one sheet, to a system whereby each employee has his own time card.

She advised that she is familiar with the name and person of MANOLO REBOSO from [redacted] [redacted] and also is familiar and knows all the City Commissioners. She advised that she used the names of [redacted] and RAFAEL VILLAVERDE as references for her application for the job at the United Way. She is not aware if the United Way

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contacted [redacted] or VILLAVERDE. She is also not aware if any of these three individuals ever contacted United Way on her behalf.

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The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

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Sex:
Race:
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:
Hair:
Eyes:
Height:
Nationality:
Social Security
Number:
Florida
License:
Husband:
Children:
Parents:

Education:
Occupation:
Employer:

Current Resident
Address:



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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] was advised of the identity of SA [redacted] and the nature of the interview. She furnished the following information:

[redacted] has been at her present position for approximately [redacted]. Prior to this, she spent [redacted] as a [redacted]. Preceding this she was [redacted] for the [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] is familiar with Little Havana Activity Center (LHAC) and its Director, RAFAEL VILLAYERDE. She has known VILLAYERDE on both a business and social basis, but has not seen him since 1975.

In 1975, [redacted] was in charge of [redacted]
[redacted]

Monthly fiscal reports were prepared regarding fund usages. However, these were of a fiscal monitoring nature and not an audit because the individuals handling the monitoring are not auditors.

The auditing of funds at LHAC was handled by the CPA firm Price Waterhouse (PW). [redacted] recalls [redacted] from PW doing the audit there. [redacted] is not aware of any irregularities in their handling of the LHAC audit.

[redacted] is familiar with the name Los Viejos Utiles (LVU). She believes that it was through LVU that LHAC first obtained its funding. She is not aware of what LVU does now or if it is funded through LHAC. She is not

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familiar with JUSTO REGALADO.

[] was asked if she knew where LHAC's contracts from 1972 and 1973 were located. She did not know, but advised that [] who was a [] might know.

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[] could not say whether or not the number of meals that LHAC was billed for is the same as the number of meals that they actually received.

Concerning bidding procedures at LHAC, [] advised that during the first year of managing Title VII funds, time requirements for bid letting could not be met, therefore, no bidding procedures were used in awarding contracts for the provision of meals. (This was done statewide, not just at LHAC.)

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[] does not remember LHAC's justification for accepting other than low bid while she was involved with the program.

[] is not aware of any "botellas", kick-backs, or uses of federal monies for VILLAVARDE's personal parties.

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However, [] had been aware of allegations that someone at HRS was helping coverup misuses of funds at LHAC. As a result, []

[] has no reason to believe that LHAC knew about the unannounced monitoring ahead of time.

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[] does not know of anyone in the Miami office of HRS assisting in any coverup at LHAC.

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[] further advised that if an HRS employee received information regarding specific "botellas" at LHAC during a particular period of time, normal procedure would be for HRS to investigate. However, [] is not aware of anyone at HRS indicating that they have been informed of such.

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Regarding reimbursed automobile expenses, LHAC employees are not allowed to charge round trip mileage between their homes and LHAC; [] though, cannot remember anything in writing about this. But, LHAC employees were required to follow state laws, and state law prohibits reimbursement for home to work mileage.

[] is not aware of LHAC having violated any state or federal laws.

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[redacted] State of Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRS), 1321 Winewood Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida, was advised of the identity of Special Agent [redacted] and the nature of the interview. She furnished the following information:

[redacted] has been with [redacted] since [redacted] and with the [redacted] since [redacted]

[redacted] is not aware whether local HRS monitors of the Little Havana Activity Center (LHAC) program have asked [redacted] of [redacted] to supply records substantiating food purchases for the number of meals charged LHAC.

[redacted] is the local monitor of LHAC. She makes announced monitorings on a quarterly basis.

On April 11, 1978, [redacted] participated in an unannounced monitoring of LHAC meal sites. [redacted] had called her on April 10, 1978, and told her to participate in the monitoring.

[redacted] feels there is no way that RAFAEL VILLAYERDE could have known in advance that they were coming on an unannounced audit. No one in the Miami HRS knew in advance of the monitoring.

[redacted] monitored the Palm Towers site, and that is when VILLAYERDE first learned about the monitoring. The site manager at Palm Towers telephoned VILLAYERDE and told him that HRS was there.

[redacted] monitored the Centro Hispano location. [redacted] monitored the St. Cecilia site in Hialeah.

[redacted] monitored the LHAC site.

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Three sites were not monitored.

Meal counts at Palm Towers were 104; at Centro Hispano 120; and at St. Cecilia 170. [] failed to count meals at LHAC, but was shown a ticket indicating that either 333 or 358 meals had been served here. [] the [] told [] that 350 meals had been served.

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When [] questioned participants about the meals, she used [] from LHAC as an interpreter.

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[] advised that of HRS personnel, she knows that [] has visited the CC facilities, and had indicated that they were small.

[] has been the [] since [] left.

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[] is an outside nutritionist consultant utilized by LHAC to approve menus. She is an assistant professor at Florida International University (FIU) and her position with LHAC was arranged through [] her department head at FIU. She was not furnished the job by []

[] furnished copies of LHAC's menu schedules for 1977.

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[redacted]
[redacted] State of Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRS), 1321 Winewood Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida, was advised of the identity of Special Agent (SA) [redacted] and the nature of the interview. He furnished the following information:

On April 11, 1978, while an HRS audit was going on, HRS conducted an unannounced monitoring of the Little Havana Activity Center (LHAC) meal sites.

The HRS audit is being conducted under [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] does not know how [redacted] got his job with HRS.

[redacted] does not know [redacted]

[redacted] furnished a photocopy of a resume for [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted]
State of Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRS), 1321 Winewood Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida, was advised of the identity of Special Agent (SA) [redacted] and the nature of the interview. She furnished the following information:

[redacted] has been in her present position for approximately [redacted]. Prior to this, she was an [redacted] for [redacted] under the supervision of [redacted].

[redacted] first became aware of Little Havana Activity Center's (LHAC) operations in 1974. Subsequently, in 1975 she visited Construction Catering's (CC) facilities in conjunction with LHAC's nutrition program.

[redacted] recalled that CC's kitchen was small but their process seemed organized. She did not visit the facilities of any other bidders for LHAC's contract, specifically Dietcrafts or Yayo's.

[redacted] indicated that during her visit to CC she had asked [redacted] why commodities were not used. [redacted] told her that commodities were a "pain" and that she did not want to take care of them.

On an announced visit to sites served by CC, [redacted] was impressed with the large portion sizes that the participants were furnished.

[redacted] is not aware if CC has ever been asked to produce purchase records to substantiate quantities that were charged to LHAC.

LHAC never furnished menus on a monthly basis. They would prepare "cycle" menus that repeated every so often, and would only get information from LHAC when these menus were changed.

The person at LHAC that [redacted] dealt with was [redacted]. She has only dealt telephonically with [redacted].

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has not been involved in the controversy surrounding LHAC's failure to accept low bids.

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[redacted] State of Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRS), 1317 Winewood Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida, was advised of the identity of Special Agent [redacted] and the nature of the interview. She furnished the following information:

[redacted] has been a [redacted] since [redacted] Prior to that [redacted] she was with the HRS Programs Office as a planner and evaluator. Prior to that, she was affiliated with the HRS Youth Services Division.

The state funnels federal monies into agencies through use of an Area Agency on Aging (AAA). The AAA approves the grants to each agency, including any subcontracts.

If Los Viejos Utiles (LVU) is carried as a project by Little Havana Activity Center (LHAC), then this information must be contained in LHAC's contract that has been approved by the AAA. However, [redacted] is not familiar with LVU, nor is she familiar with it being subcontracted by LHAC. She is not aware of LVU receiving any federal funding through Title VII.

If JUSTO REGALADO worked at LVU and was paid by LHAC, he may have been paid out of funds which are not administered by the state.

Regarding LHAC employees being paid under two different fundings, Title VII will pay for 40 hours work. If the employee works more than 40 hours, and it is documented, then the employee may be able to receive monies under other funding. This is allowable so long as the additional duties and payment for them does not take away from performing duties under the Title VII job.

To determine what duties pertain to a particular job, reference should be made to the job description contained in LHAC's contract. This also contains the qualifications for the job. The AAA must give a written waiver if a person to be hired does not meet the requirements.

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For example, the nutritional consultant position requires a background in nutrition with a college degree in an area of some type of nutrition or have economics background; or an outside consultant may be used.

The nutritionist must certify that the proposed menus for meals to be served meet certain minimum daily requirements. [redacted] at HRS maintains a record of what the approved menus are.

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[redacted] also advised that if LHAC employs a person at less than budgeted amount, then a budget revision must be submitted to the AAA for approval. LHAC is not free to use these saved amounts in another manner without this approval. This is specified in Rule 10A - 3.08 in the Rules of the State of Florida, Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services Aging and Adult Services Programs.

In regard to reimbursement of expenditures for uses of a privately owned automobile in performing work at LHAC, it is a program policy that travel to and from work not be reimbursable. However, since there are no state monies in the Title VII or III programs, state law is imposed only as a procedural guideline. Only federal and local funds are supplied to these program. However, local laws would be applicable, and in this case the City of Miami's. The federal law indicates that local laws are applicable.

Concerning the non-acceptance of low bids in awarding contracts, LHAC has the option of looking at other pertinent items besides cost, such as quality of services. To award other than the low bid, written justification must be made.

Prior to 1977 LHAC was not allowed to renew contracts without getting bids.

[redacted] also indicated that LHAC is allowed to use "in kind" services in arriving at matching fund figures.

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[redacted] furnished copies of the following:

1. Rules for the State of Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services Aging and Adult Service Programs.

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2. HRS Manual Titles III and VII of the Older Americans Act, December 1, 1977.

3. Guide for Grantee Accounting Title III of the Older Americans Act of 1965 As Amended.

4. Guide for Grantee Accounting Title VII of the Older Americans Act of 1965 As Amended.

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[redacted] State of Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, 1321 Winewood Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida, was recontacted by Special Agent [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that Title VII does not cover the Meals on Wheels Program at Little Havana Activity Center (LHAC). This is because the Meals on Wheels Program is paid for by the participants with food stamps. The meals in this program cost \$1.20 each as opposed to \$1.45 each in the Congregate Meals Program.

Meals in the Meals on Wheels Program are delivered directly to homes by [redacted]

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There are no federal funds going into the Meals on Wheels Program.

[redacted] does not know how these home-delivered meals are accounted for, and she has no idea how many home-delivered meals are served.

[redacted] furnished copies of LHAC's menus for 1977. They are cycle menus that repeat every so often. She also furnished copies of LHAC's reports of meals served for July, August, October, November, and December, 1977, and January, 1978. She advised that she was unable to locate LHAC's reports for the other months of 1977. [redacted] at District II of HRS should have the meal reports for February and March, 1978.

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[redacted] was advised of the identity of Special Agent [redacted] and the nature of the interview. [redacted] advised under oath that the information furnished was true to the best of his knowledge.

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[redacted] has been in his present [redacted] position since [redacted]. Prior to [redacted] he was the [redacted] since [redacted]. From [redacted] when he first started to work for [redacted] until [redacted] was a [redacted].

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[redacted] first became familiar with the Little Havana Activity Center (LHAC) in May or June, 1973.

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[redacted] advised that LHAC should have copies of all their contracts for funds. Also the HRS Office of Revenue Management might have copies.

[redacted] considers himself a good friend of RAFAEL VILLAVARDE, having last talked with him on December 8 and 9, 1977, when he [redacted] went to Miami to [redacted].

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The investigation concerned the composition of LHAC's Advisory Council and the awarding of contracts on bids. [redacted] found no improprieties in either situation.

Part of the reason behind Construction Catering receiving contract awards was because the State was pushing for the awarding of contracts to minorities.

[redacted] is not aware of any "botellas", narcotics trafficking, or HRS coverups at LHAC. He is not aware of any sexual favors being given to contract awardees, and he is not aware of any incident involving [redacted] acosting VILLAVARDE with a gun.

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[] is not aware that any HRS employee has ever been furnished the identities of "botellas" and the time period they supposedly were paid by LHAC. This would have been investigated by HRS if they had been apprised of such.

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[] advised that [] was appointed to his position by [] HRS, []. He is not aware of where [] was employed prior to his HRS position.

[] advised that [] was the HRS [] who [] submitted by LHAC.

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[] is not aware of [] of Construction Catering ever being asked to produce his records to prove that the quantity of his meat purchases covered the quantities of meat that would be involved in meals charged to LHAC.

[] is not aware of any kickbacks between [] and VILLAYERDE or []

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[] is not aware of any violations of State or Federal laws by LHAC.

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[redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed at her residence by
SAs [redacted] who
identified themselves as Special Agents for the Federal
Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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SA [redacted] advised [redacted] that the FBI
was conducting an investigation to determine if Little
Havana Activity Center (LHAC) might be misusing Federal
and Revenue Sharing monies and that the FBI desired to
talk to her in that regard.

[redacted] advised she had been a [redacted] at

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[redacted] was interviewed at her residence,
[redacted] She was initially advised of the
identities of the Special Agents and the purpose of the
interview, after which she provided the following information:

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She is employed as [redacted] at [redacted]

[redacted] She commenced work with [redacted]

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LHAC has six centers in which meals are served.
Each center has two volunteers which would mean that 12
persons in total would be signing the "in kind" forms for
\$250 each, thus guaranteeing an amount of \$3,000 which LHAC
would in turn receive from United Way. [redacted]

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Employed at the Hialeah Center are OFELIA CASTRO,
the wife of ARTURO CASTRO [redacted]

[redacted] Another employee is [redacted]
Both [redacted] OFELIA CASTRO are paid directly by CETA,
but neither keep time sheets. Payment is handled directly
through LHAC. The Hialeah Center also employs a chauffeur
who is paid by HUD and a [redacted] who is
paid by LHAC. Also employed at Hialeah is CONCEPCION GARCIA,
an elderly woman who works in the kitchen. She has had
problems with RAFAEL VILLAYERDE, the LHAC director, because
in the past she did not approve of the manner in which he
was running the program.

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[redacted] said that [redacted] is the [redacted]
[redacted] who works for [redacted] did not believe
that [redacted] was also employed by the program.

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[redacted] is a friend of MANOLO REBOSO,
a City of Miami Commissioner. [redacted] is particularly friendly
with [redacted] and has also
worked directly for REBOSO in his political campaign. She
did not know whether [redacted] was on the LHAC payroll actually
while working for REBOSO.

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[redacted] had no knowledge of any personal financial
arrangements between RAFAEL VILLAVERDE and [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] works with [redacted]
[redacted] recalled that, in July, 1977, there was a big "scandal"
regarding [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] which [redacted] found out about. She
thereafter cause quite a scene about this in the LHAC office
in Miami.

[redacted] did not know of any payoff between VILLAVERDE
and JUSTO REGALADO when LHAC was formed from Los Viejos
Utiles. REGALADO started to work for VILLAVERDE in 1975 and
is presently receiving checks in the amount of \$600 per
month from LHAC. He formerly was involved in the Centro
Comentario de Little Havana. [redacted] had no personal knowledge
of any "botellas" on LHAC's payroll, but it is rumored that

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[redacted] JUSTO REGALADO, [redacted]
[redacted] are receiving payments from LHAC without performing
any duties. She knew [redacted] but was not aware of his
receiving any "botellas". She said [redacted] was the [redacted]
[redacted] of LHAC in 1974. [redacted] is
the [redacted] Another individual
receiving "botellas" is (First Name Unknown) (FNU) [redacted]

[redacted] was working for
RAFAEL VILLAVERDE at LHAC but was arrested in [redacted] for
[redacted] He presently
[redacted]

[redacted] resigned about one year ago because of a disagreement with

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VILLAYERDE. LAMBERT started getting "botellas" about three months ago, and is paid through LHAC.

[redacted] was unaware of the use of names of deceased persons to pad the number of meals served in the meals program. She said there are two programs, "Meals on Wheels" run by ISRAEL PADILLA, all payments to which are made by food stamps, and Construction Catering, as provided by [redacted]. She said that [redacted] provides an average of 145 meals per day. [redacted] counts the number of meals and [redacted] driver is given two copies of a form indicating such counts. [redacted] keeps one copy herself, which is subsequently turned over to LHAC, together with all money obtained from donations for the meals. Donations normally average between \$20 and \$30 daily. She was not aware of whether or not the forms that she turned in to LHAC under her signature are later modified as to the number of meals shown, since she never sees them again. The center in Hialeah has 1,088 inscribed members, but only about 150 persons receive meals daily. She did not know how many meals were served at all six LHAC centers, but would estimate it to be approximately 900. If there is any arrangements between [redacted] and VILLAYERDE it would probably be covered up not in the meal count, but in the amount of food contained in each meal. She explained that the contract calls for at least three ounces of meat to be contained in each dinner, but at times she knows that this totals approximately only one ounce or perhaps less. She felt that [redacted] probably cuts down on all other components of the meal. Complaints have been made in this respect to VILLAYERDE and he never takes action on them.

[redacted] has been receiving checks from LHAC for at least [redacted]. Her only function is to [redacted]

[redacted] lives in the same building as [redacted]. She works at [redacted]

[redacted] was known to [redacted] but she said that this individual is now in [redacted] and has been since [redacted]. She was the [redacted]

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[] had no specific information that VILLAVERDE was using the LHAC programs for the elderly to personally enrich himself, but knew that frequently the programs clientel had to pay for services themselves which they should be receiving free or at a small cost. For instance, they are charged for outings, trips to restaurants, and so forth, at a rate which [] felt was excessively high. She felt that the possibility existed that these excess funds were being diverted directly to VILLAVERDE.

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Regarding the "Miami News" article concerning Miami Police Officer ARTURO CASTRO's parents being given jobs at LHAC at the conclusion of his investigation into terrorism at the agency, [] said that she had no information concerning the actual reason that OFILIO CASTRO was employed there.

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[] had also heard rumors that [] but had no specific data to support this.

[] had never been given an LHAC check and asked to endorse it to United Way or any other agency.

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[] are personally known to [] because of [] connection with LHAC through the [] She said that [] spends quite a bit of time at LHAC in Miami and is very friendly with RAFAEL VILLAVERDE. She did not know of any other relationship between the two.

According to [] signs all checks for that agency. She knew of no connections between [] and organized crime elements in Miami. [] was not acquainted with []

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The following individuals are on LHAC payroll and connected in the manner indicated with []

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[] of []
who is the []

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[redacted] and
worked as previously indicated, for [redacted]
[redacted] of REBOSO,
who works for LHAC

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TONIA SASTRE is in charge of the publication,
"Message of Little Havana". She is paid by LHAC through
United Way, but does not work for the latter agency itself.

[redacted] was aware that some people at LHAC received
several checks from different agencies, since the pay envelopes
are different colors for each organization. For example,
[redacted] receives three different checks, one from
[redacted]

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All envelopes containing these checks have different coloring
on the outside portion. [redacted] pay envelopes come with a
yellow stripe on them, denoting United Way.

[redacted] is known to [redacted] as the [redacted]
[redacted] at LHAC.

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[redacted] also recalled that, some time ago, a large
bus, capable of transporting between 40 and 44 passengers,
was donated to LHAC. It was repainted free and later taken
away by VILLAYERDE since he alleged that the center could
not pay for insurance on the vehicle. The bus has never
been seen at LHAC since that time.

[redacted] provided the names of [redacted] at the
[redacted] who
would support her statements concerning the "in kind" funding
mentioned above.

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[redacted] was observed to be a [redacted]
female, approximately [redacted] weight about [redacted] pounds. She
stated that her date of birth is [redacted] and [redacted]
Drivers License Number is [redacted] with address on
license of [redacted]

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[redacted] home telephone number [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and of the nature of the interview. [redacted] was advised of his rights as they appear on the "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, FD-395 (Spanish). [redacted] advised as follows:

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[redacted] is the [redacted] In 1971 or early 1972, while serving meals at the Jason Shoe Factory, he was approached by a female named (First Name Unknown) (FNU) [redacted] who advised him that she had [redacted] who was employed by the Little Havana Activity Center. [redacted] explained to [redacted] that she could arrange for [redacted] to speak to [redacted] about the possibility of [redacted] furnishing the [redacted] who participated in programs under the direction of the Little Havana Activity Center.

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[redacted] was put in contact with [redacted] and an individual named REGALADO. REGALADO requested that [redacted]

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[redacted] charge for this service. Approximately one month later [redacted] met with RAFAEL VILLAYERDE, [redacted] and REGALADO. After having reached an agreement with VILLAYERDE, [redacted] and REGALADO, [redacted] began [redacted] at a Catholic Church located at First and 13th Avenue, S. W. [redacted] approximately [redacted] This has now increased to [redacted] per day. [redacted] advised that when he first reached an agreement with VILLAYERDE, [redacted] and REGALADO, no bid was let out. He was advised by VILLAYERDE that he, VILLAYERDE had contacted four or five other individuals who were not interested in participating in this type of program with the Little Havana Activity Center. After the first year, [redacted] began submitting bids which were due the last day of November, 1977, to the Board of Directors of the Little Havana Activity Center. [redacted] added

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that there has been approximately four or five bidders each year, and that each year he has been awarded the contract to provide [redacted] He is presently [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that a representative of the Little Havana Activity Center does the accounting as to [redacted] which is in turn referred to him. When [redacted] hands the Director of that Center a receipt indicating [redacted] He later bills the Little Havana Activity Center for [redacted] The total numbers of [redacted] to each one of the locations is given to [redacted] by [redacted] [redacted] advised that in addition to the Little Havana Activity Center, he also [redacted]

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[redacted] added that after he submits his monthly receipts to the Little Havana Activity Center, he is paid by check. He does not account for any of the individuals receiving [redacted] but just goes by the [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that his books are kept by his [redacted]

[redacted] who handle the [redacted] for [redacted]. He also employs a [redacted] by the name of [redacted].

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[redacted] was asked if he was aware of any "botellas" that were on Little Havana Activity Center's payroll, to which he replied that he did not know of any. [redacted] stated that he believed [redacted] was one of the [redacted] in Little Havana Activity Center, but that he could not furnish any information concerning [redacted].

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[redacted] stated that he was not affiliated with the Little Havana Activity Center other than by [redacted] and that he was not an employee of the Little Havana Activity Center. He also denied having knowledge of any skimming of funds from the Little Havana Activity Center by the duplication of funding for positions through both federal and City of Miami revenue sharing programs. [redacted] added that he was not aware of the use of deceased persons' names to pad the number of meals served in the congregate meals program. [redacted] re-emphasized that he has nothing to do with the [redacted] that he is instructed to do so.

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[redacted] advised that he does not know if any of the individuals at Little Havana Activity Center are receiving [redacted] which are paid for at government expense. [redacted] maintained that he knew nothing of the activities of anyone employed at the Little Havana Activity Center. He did not know if RAFAEL VILLAVARDE was using the Little Havana Activity Center Programs for the elderly to personally enrich himself or if any of the Little Havana Activity Center employees were dealing in cocaine or other narcotics. He added that he has never received a Little Havana Activity Center check and been asked to endorse it over to United Way or any other agencies.

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[redacted] advised that he did not know [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he believed that [redacted] was the individual in charge of [redacted] an employee of the Little Havana Activity Center and that TONIA SASTRE was some kind of a reporter for a weekly newspaper, whom he is not sure if she is paid by the United Way. [redacted] denied that he has ever attended any orgies and/or parties at Little Havana Activity Center and stated that he did not have any type of personal relationship with [redacted] their only association was through her job as Meals Co-ordinator and his job as Meals Provider.

[redacted] pointed out that he has no knowledge of any misuses of funds at the Little Havana Activity Center or misuses of funds by Saber, Incorporated, [redacted] [redacted] misuses of funds by the Confederation of Cuban Professionals in Exile. [redacted]

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The following description was obtain through observation and interview:

Name:
Date of birth:
Place of birth:
Naturalized
citizen:
Occupation:

Home address:

Wife's name:

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[redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment [redacted] telephone number [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and of the nature of the interview. [redacted] advised as follows:

[redacted] stated that he has never been affiliated with the Little Havana Activity Center or any current or former employee. He has in the past submitted two written bids for [redacted] for the Little Havana Activity Center's programs. [redacted] submitted a bid in November, 1974. [redacted] was invited to attend a public meeting at the Little Havana Activity Center where the bids were to be opened. He was later instructed by an unknown individual that he could not be present when the bids were opened, as it was a closed meeting and he was asked to leave. [redacted] submitted a second bid to the Little Havana Activity Center on December 29, 1976. [redacted] was later advised by an unknown individual that he had not been awarded the contract by the Little Havana Activity Center. [redacted] requested from the Little Havana Activity Center a report concerning the bids that were submitted, which he never received.

[redacted] advised that he had met RAFAEL VILLAVERDE, the Little Havana Activity Center's Program Director and an individual named [redacted] when he first submitted a bid in 1974 and that other than these two individuals, he does not know anyone associated with the Little Havana Activity Center. [redacted] stated he has known [redacted] for approximately four or five years, but only because he is [redacted] added that he has no knowledge of [redacted] personal business or his association with the Little Havana Activity Center.

Present during the interview of [redacted] was [redacted]

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The following descriptive information of
[REDACTED] was obtained through observation and
interview:

Name:
Date of birth:
Place of birth:
Social Security
Account Number:
Residence:

Home telephone
number:
Office telephone
number:
Employment:

Marital status:

Sons:

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DATE: May 1, 1978

REPLY TO
ATTN OF:SA

SUBJECT:

✓ LITTLE HAVANA ACTIVITY CENTER, AKA
FAG - DHEW (WELFARE) (A)

TO:

SAC, MIAMI (46-4385) (P)

On numerous occasions during the month of April, attempts to interview ARTURO CASTRO, SR., resulted in failure to locate him at his residence for interview. Contacts were made at his residence at 3120 SW 5th Street, Miami, Florida. On every occasion, his wife, OFELIA CASTRO, would answer the door and would advise Agents that her husband, ARTURO, was not at home and she did not know when he would be in.

From receptions received at ARTURO CASTRO'S residence, it is the opinion of the Agents attempting to interview CASTRO that he will not be available for interview by Agents now or in the near future.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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On 5/1/78 SAs [] met with [] Miami Florida to obtain copies of all contracts and amendments and budgets for Little Havana Activity Center (LHAC) from 1974 to present.

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[] advised that he would have the desired information photocopied and furnished to BuAgents on 5/3/78.

On same date, SA [] telephonically contacted [] of the CETA Consortium to inquire as to the existence of any written CETA Financial Requirements & Instructions dated prior to October 26, 1977. [] responded that these same instructions were drawn up by him in March 1977 and were issued in April. The only change was the date of the cover memorandum. The requirements and instructions remained the same.

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LHAC and United Manpower Services were provided with copies of these requirements and instructions. LHAC was furnished theirs & when they entered into contract for CETA funds. The United Manpower Services was furnished theirs in April 1977.

[] was questioned as to the existence of employment eligibility requirements under CETA program funding. He responded that there were certain eligibility requirements established by the Department of Labor (under Title VI). A copy of these requirements would be available from [] telephone []

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

✓ LITTLE HAVANA ACTIVITY CENTER, AKA
FAG - DHEW (WELFARE) (A)

TO:

SAC, MIAMI (46-4385) (P)

On 4/27/78 and 5/1/78, attempts to arrange a meeting with [REDACTED] regarding the activities of Little Havana Activity Center (LHAC). [REDACTED] advised that she does not desire to be interviewed at her residence at [REDACTED]. She advised if FBI desires to talk to her about LHAC, she can be interviewed at LHAC, 819 SW 12 Avenue, Miami, Florida.

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[REDACTED] was advised by SA [REDACTED] that it was not feasible at this time to conduct interview at LHAC.

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[redacted] was interviewed at her residence, [redacted] telephone number [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and of the nature of the interview; [redacted] advised as follows:

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[redacted] is currently employed under the [redacted] administered by the Little Havana Activities Center at the Hialeah Center. [redacted] has a position as [redacted] and her position requires her to handle the problems that the old people have with Social Security and food stamps. [redacted] stated that she does not work the Recreation Program and she does not know what those functions are. [redacted] added that she is currently [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that she had first been employed under the [redacted] and at the end of her [redacted] [redacted] to the unemployment office to look for another job. From the unemployment office she was referred to the Little Havana Activities Center where she appeared before the board at the Little Havana Activities Center and was awarded her job as a [redacted] at the Hialeah center. [redacted] added that she had listed as her qualifications her employment under the [redacted] her [redacted] experience and her education. [redacted] was a [redacted] where she [redacted] experience was obtained at the [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that she had no knowledge of what "Program Eight" a housing program was, and added that she did not participate in this program in any way in an attempt to sign up people who did not qualify for this program so that the program could be "fattened". [redacted] stated that she had no information about the padding of figures the meals being served at the Hialeah Center and stated that [redacted] the [redacted] was in charge of the meals.

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[] advised they are currently serving from 145 to 150 meals at the Hialeah Center and sometimes the number of meals goes as high as 180. [] stated that they always have enough food for everyone and that the quality of the food is good.

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[] stated that there are currently [] employees under the Little Havana Activities Center payroll, [] of the meals program, and [] in charge of []. [] added that between the [] of them they handle all of the problems that arise with the old people at the Hialeah Center.

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[] advised that she was not aware of any government paid nurse maids for any of the Little Havana Activities Center employees, specifically, RAFAEL VILLAYERDE and [].

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[] advised that she knew what the term "botellas" meant, but that she had had no knowledge of botellas existing in the Little Havana Activities Center Programs. [] was specifically asked about [].

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[] ARMANDO GARCIA SIFREDO and [] but could not furnish any additional information concerning these individuals. [] indicated that she knew who [] and ARMANDO GARCIA SIFREDO were, but could furnish no additional information concerning these individuals.

[] stated that she had no knowledge of anyone at United Way or with the City of Miami who was assisting in any coverup of the misuse of funds at the Little Havana Activities Center.

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Present during the interview of [] was []

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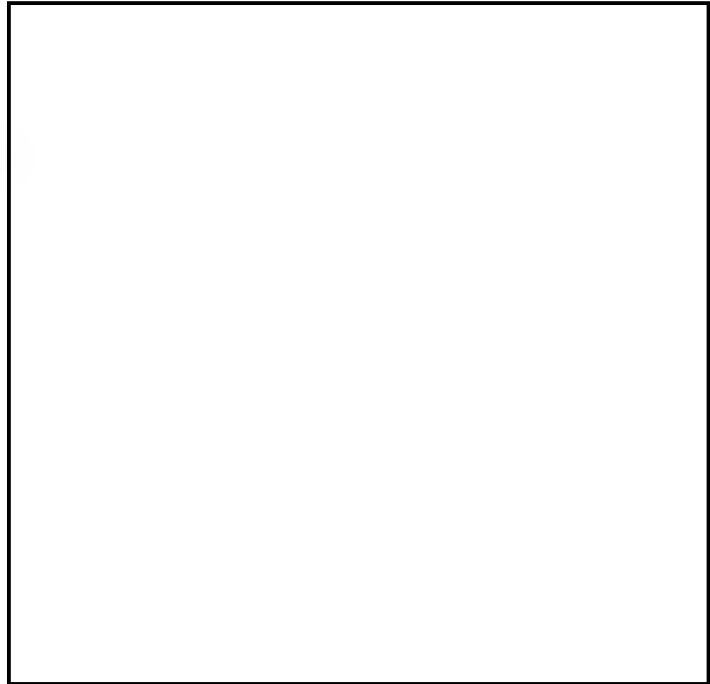
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Sex
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Weight
Height
Alien
Registration
Number
Social
Security
Account No.

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Address

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[redacted] was interviewed at her place of employment, Construction Catering, 2154 N. W. 24th Avenue, telephone number 663-5668. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and of the nature of the interview:

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[redacted] is the [redacted] Construction Catering which furnishes meals to the Little Havana Activities Center. As part of her duties, [redacted] makes out the proposal and contracts for all of their clients. [redacted] also handles all of the purchases of materials and disbursements of their food products. The contracts are signed by both [redacted] and the president of Construction Catering [redacted] is paid [redacted] per week, while [redacted] salary as [redacted] is [redacted] per week. It was pointed out to [redacted] that on her financial statement for 1977 there official salary was listed as in excess of [redacted] replied that that had to be an error because they were not making that much money and that this matter would have to be resolved by the bookkeeper whose name is [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that she has drawn up their contracts with the Little Havana Activities Center. Their bid is sent in to a board at the Little Havana Activities Center where it is reviewed. [redacted] added that since they began dealing with Little Havana Activities Center, they have been awarded the contracts by the board. [redacted] pointed out that since the beginning of their relationship at the Little Havana Activities Center they have never received a complaint about their food quality or their service. Their price charge per meal has not changed in three years, the only thing that has changed is the number of meals served. When meals are delivered to the different sights under the direction of the Little Havana Activities Center, a receipt is given to the coordinator of each center. Two copies are kept by Construction Catering (one of which is later sent to the Little Havana Activities Center with the monthly billing). [redacted] advised that when Construction Catering

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first began dealing with Little Havana Activities Center, they charged \$1.00 per meal. This continued for a little over a year. Construction Catering then raised their prices to \$1.20 or \$1.30 per meal and this price continued for approximately another year. The menu provided by Construction Catering was then changed to add milk and a few other items and the price per meal was raised to \$1.45 and Construction Catering has held this price for the last two years.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] maintain a very good relationship with RAFAEL VILLAVERDE but that they receive no favoritism regarding their contracts with the Little Havana Activities Center as a result of this association. [redacted] pointed out that she has never had any altercation with RAFAEL VILLAVERDE or anyone else at the Little Havana Activities Center.

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[redacted] advised that she does know [redacted] who is the [redacted] at the Little Havana Activities Center. [redacted] denied that she had ever had any kind of altercation with [redacted] denied that she had ever gone to the Little Havana Activities Center and physically beat up [redacted] and could not understand who could be spreading such rumors about her. [redacted] emphasized that she had never had any altercation with anyone at the Little Havana Activities Center. [redacted] added that her relationship with [redacted] was strictly business as was [redacted] relationship with [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that she and [redacted] are [redacted] with RAFAEL VILLAVERDE. They often attend the same parties and [redacted] goes out for lunch with VILLAVERDE on occasion.

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[redacted] provided a copy of a Construction Catering, Inc. invoice for the month of February, 1978 for the Little Havana Activities Center. The invoice indicated that the following number of meals were served at each one of the centers under the Little Havana Activities Center program. Palm Towers

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2,285, Little Havana 6,800, Hialeah 2,700, Centro Hispano 2,505, Allapattah 2,165, Omni 1,210. Total number of meals, 17,665, face value of the invoice was for \$25,614.25. The second part of the same invoice showed Peter Plaza received 1,795 meals, the Blind Program received 380, Coconut Grove received 180, total meals 2,355. Face value of the invoice was \$3,014.75. [] also made available a Construction Catering, Incorporated invoice for March, 1978 which reflected that Peter Plaza received 195 meals, the Blind Program received 440 meals, total meals were 2,435. face value of the invoice was \$3,531.00. The second part of this invoice reflected that Allapattah received 2,448 meals, Palm Tower received 2,555, Omni, received 1,425, Centro Hispano received 2,540, Hialeah received 3,205, Little Havana received 7,461 total number of meals 19,634, face value of the invoiced was \$28,469.00. [] stated that these two invoices were representative of the number of meals served under the Little Havana activities center programs for each month. [] added that on the meals on wheels program they serve approximately 150 meals which are paid by coupon. These coupons are then given to [] who in turn pays Construction Catering by check at the rate of \$1.20 per meal. (No milk is served with these meals). [] added that she maintains an accurate count of the number of meals that she serves under the Little Havana Activities Center program but that she does not know what the Little Havana Activities Center charges the government for these meals. She added that in no way are these figures padded by Construction Catering and she has no reason to believe that they are padded by the Little Havana Activities Center.

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[] stated that she and [] do not give any payoffs, kickbacks, gratuities or any type of remuneration to RAFAEL VILLAVARDE or any officials in the Little Havana Activities Center in order to be awarded the contract year after year. [] added that she has no knowledge of any orgies or parties paid out of the funds of the Little Havana Activities Center.

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[] advised that Construction Catering does cater parties for the Little Havana Activities Center

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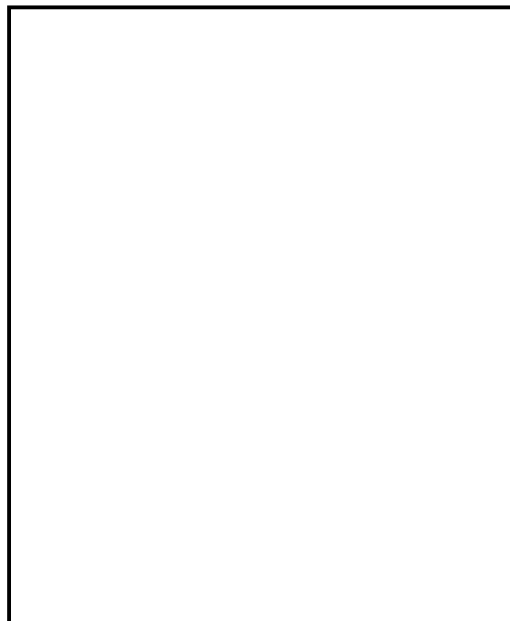
however, when these parties are provided by the Little Havana Activities Center for the old folks they are paid for by the Little Havana Activities Center and they are paid the same price per meal as they are for the regular meals during the week. [redacted] added that the recent Birthday party for RAFAEL VILLAVARDE had been catered for by Construction Catering and that Construction Catering had donated the food free of charge out of [redacted] friendship with RAFAEL VILLAVARDE.

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[redacted] stated that she had no knowledge of any wrongdoings or misappropriation of funds by anyone affiliated with the Little Havana Activities Center.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

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Place of Birth
Height
Hair
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Business address
Business telephone
Employment
Position
Employment
Period
Husband's name
Daughters names



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RICARDO M. PASTRANA, 2120 SW 6th Street, Apartment 6, Miami, Florida, telephone number 642-2658, was contacted by SAs [redacted]. He was advised of the nature of the interview and interview was conducted in the Spanish Language. PASTRANA provided the following information:

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PASTRANA stated he is presently employed at Little Havana Activity Center (LHAC) on a part-time basis for the program "Out Reach". He works from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. His position is that of a social worker and is paid by LHAC. He said there are other part-time shifts at LHAC which are from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

He said he is a past member of the Board of LHAC. He was the Secretary of the LHAC's Board until June 8, 1977, when he was asked to resign that position by [redacted] told him to resign and he immediately typed up his resignation submitting it to [redacted] did this at the request of RAFAEL VILLAYERDE and acting for him, solicited and obtained PASTRANA's resignation as Secretary of the LHAC's Board.

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PASTRANA said he was removed as Secretary of the Board because he asked too many questions regarding the programs for the elderly.

He stated LHAC at first was connected with JUSTO REGALADO. At that time, REGALADO was Supervisor of "Out Reach". REGALADO was also President of "Los Viejos Utiles". PASTRANA said REGALADO collected a check for work not done at LHAC. In other words, REGALADO was a "botella" at LHAC.

When REGALADO left LHAC - "Out Reach"; PASTRANA asked VILLAYERDE to see if he could increase the salaries of the part-time and full-time employees by applying the forfeited salary that REGALADO had just relinquished. VILLAYERDE was upset at PASTRANA because of this suggestion.

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by SAs [redacted] Date dictated 4/26/78

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REGALADO's salary, according to PASTRANA, was approximately \$550.00. He did not know if this salary was paid weekly, biweekly, or monthly.

To PASTRANA and to LHAC's objective, the LHAC's Board was to be used for advise. It was to be or was intended to be an advisory counsel or board. Some people at LHAC did little work and were not even qualified, but were paid a higher salary than the ones who were qualified. Also, young attractive women had a better chance at obtaining a job there than the ones in need of one.

He recalls seeing babysitters at LHAC and could not recall the names of any. He said that the babysitters ate at the dining hall sites.

He said [] was the President of the LHAC's Board, and that he was never an employee at LHAC.

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[] worked at LHAC, but does not recall what his position was.

PASTRANA said that prior to becoming the Secretary for the LHAC's Board, he was enrolled in the SABER program for approximately six months. He stated he was very satisfied with the SABER program and credits it to him having obtained employment at LHAC.

GARCIA SIFREDO was the one who started the LHAC newspaper "Mensaje". SIFREDO was also the LHAC information officer or press agent.

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As for [] he did not know who he is or where he worked.

He said that VILLAVARDE never talked to him or other employees, as they were not allowed to do so. They had to follow a chain of command procedure if they wanted to talk to him.

He stated the chief of transportation at LHAC is ARTURO CASTRO, SR. He does not know who OFELIA CASTRO is and neither does he know []

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He is not aware of any narcotics being used or having been used by individuals and employees at LHAC. Also, he was never asked to endorse a check and have it turned over to United Way.

He knows that [redacted] is an employee of the State of Florida. He does not know who [redacted] is.

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He does not know the following individuals:

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[Redacted list of names]

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He said that [redacted] was employed at LHAC and considers her a competent social worker.

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[redacted] is the [redacted]
[redacted] He is a social worker and [redacted]

He knows that [redacted]
and [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) were social workers at LHAC. Also, an outstanding employee that he is aware of at LHAC is [redacted]

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As for TONIA SASTRE, she is the Director of the LHAC's newspaper "Mensaje".

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PASTRANA said he does not know anything about the Confederation of Cuban Professionals in Exile.

In regards to granting of meal contracts to the bidders, the LHAC's Board relied on the opinion of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] This was done at the request of VILLAVERDE, who sort of forced the Board to accept the highest bidder, who he believes to be Construction Catering.

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PASTRANA stated he believes that [REDACTED] former [REDACTED] left LHAC because of personal difficulties with VILLAVERDE. These difficulties regarded the policies and management procedures of the LHAC programs. He said [REDACTED] is a very intelligent and conscientious individual and considers him an outstanding [REDACTED] He believes this was the reason [REDACTED] left LHAC.

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PASTRANA provided the following identifying information:

Name	RICARDO M. PASTRANA
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of birth	February 7, 1903
Place of birth	Camaguey Province, Cuba

PASTRANA concluded the interview by stating that due to his age, he could not recall exact dates and has difficulty remembering names, places, job positions, titles, and so forth.

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[redacted] Management Information Systems, South Florida CETA Consortium, 7880 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida. was advised of the identity of Special Agent [redacted] and of the nature of the interview. He furnished the following information:

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[redacted] could furnish no explanation as to why OFELIA CASTRO, [redacted] and First Name Unknown (FNU) [redacted] were being paid with Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) funds by Little Havana Activity Center since no certification as to their eligibility by the Florida State Employment Service was in existence in the CETA Consortium files.

[redacted] advised that he would have the Florida State Employment Service Job Bank researched to see if these people had made application for employment with them.

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[redacted] South Florida CETA Consortium, 7880 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida, was advised of the identity of Special Agent [redacted] and the nature of the interview. He furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised that eligibility guidelines for employment using Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) funds had been furnished to each of the participating projects, including Little Havana Activity Center.

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The basic requirement for employment is as follows: Family size 1, maximum income \$2970; family size 2, maximum income \$3930; family size 3, maximum income \$5140 (recently raised to \$5370); family size 4, maximum income \$6350 (recently raised to \$6638); family size 5, maximum income \$7490 (recently raised to \$7820); and family size 6, maximum income \$8760 (recently raised to \$9150).

Additionally, one of the following eligibility requirements must also be met:

1. A member of the family receiving welfare, or
2. An unemployed person receiving unemployment compensation for at least 15 weeks (recently changed to 15 of the past 20 weeks), or
3. An unemployed person monetarily ineligible for unemployment compensation who has been unemployed for 15 or more consecutive weeks, or
4. An unemployed person who has exhausted all available unemployment compensation, or
5. Is a veteran who has not been employed full time since being discharged from service.

[redacted] furnished copies of the eligibility guidelines entitled SOUTH FLORIDA Comprehensive Employment and Training Act CONSORTIUM Eligibility for Public Service Jobs.

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He also furnished a copy of a letter dated October 1, 1977, which was furnished to all prospective Title VI grantees which set forth additional eligibility requirements.

advised that Little Havana Activity Center falls under Title VI for the CETA funds they receive.

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Date of transcription 5/5/78

[redacted] South Florida CETA Consortium, 7880 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida, was advised of the identity of Special Agent [redacted] and the nature of the interview. She furnished the following information:

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It is possible for a person to be employed using Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) funds without having actually obtained the required eligibility certification. This is because no one at the CETA Consortium has checked in the past with the Florida State Employment Offices to verify that the individual has actually been declared eligible for CETA payments.

[redacted] furnished a list of people that have been certified by the State of Florida Employment Office as eligible for CETA payments and that are on the payroll of Little Havana Activity Center. These persons are: [redacted]

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[redacted] could not locate any authorization for CETA payments to OFELIA CASTRO. However, a review of payroll records submitted to the CETA Consortium by Little Havana Activity Center indicated that payments were being made to CASTRO, plus other individuals, for which no certification had been received: [redacted] and (First Name Unknown) (FNU) [redacted]

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[redacted] had not been aware of any attempts by anyone at Little Havana Activity Center to get payroll payments for individuals not entitled to CETA funding.

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The Finance Department of the CETA Consortium relies on certifications received from Little Havana Activity Center that the people on the payrolls for which they seek reimbursement are truly eligible. They do not make a cross check to determine if there exists a certification for these people.

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furnished copies of Little Havana Activity Center's CETA payroll for March 30, 1978, their hours to be paid for October 3 - 14, 1977, and a list of their certified eligible employees.

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DATE: 5/8/78

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b7CSUBJECT: RAFAEL VILLAYERDE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LITTLE HAVANA ACTIVITY CENTER, AKA
FAG - DHEW (WELFARE) (A)

TO: SAC, MIAMI (46-4385) (P)

On 5/5/78 [REDACTED] of the Office of
Community Affairs was telephonically contacted at his home
[REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was asked if he had a package of information
pertaining to [REDACTED] submitting time sheets at Little
Havana Activity Center while she was actually on vacation
in Mexico. [REDACTED] responded that he had information on
an individual who had been hospitalized while time sheets were
submitted, but he was not sure that this was [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] continued that he believed that [REDACTED]
of United Way was tied in with the wrongdoings at Little
Havana Activity Center. He had previously run across
[REDACTED] name in an investigation that he had had
conducted into Equitable Land Development. Other names
mentioned in that investigation were [REDACTED]

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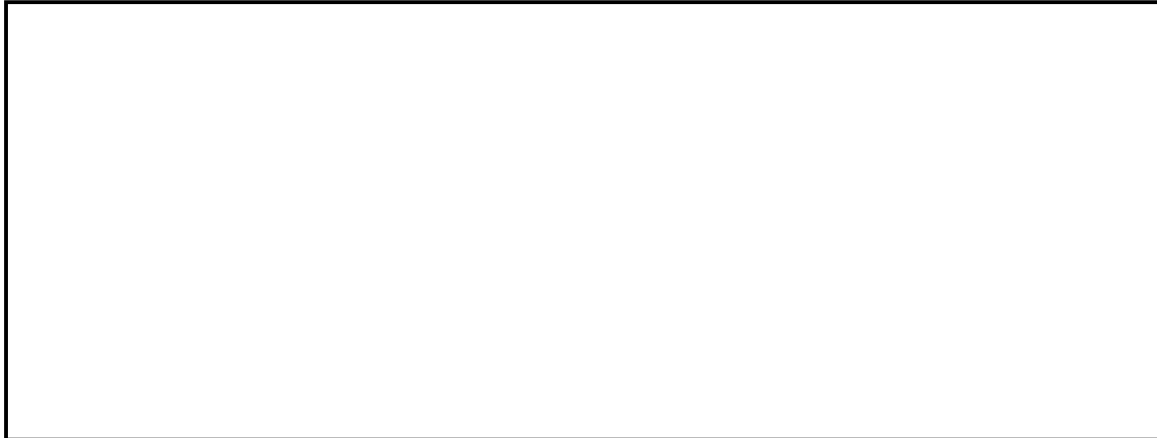
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR;
LITTLE HAVANA ACTIVITY CENTER, aka
Little Havana Activities Center, Inc.
FAG - DHEW (WELFARE) (A)

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The above information is being provided for
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✓ LITTLE HAVANA ACTIVITIES CENTER, aka
FAG - DHEW (WELFARE) (A)

TO:

SAC, MIAMI (46-4385) (P)

On 5/3/78, SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Miami Division, Miami, Fla., contacted

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[REDACTED] who advised that he had resided at that address
for approximately [REDACTED] advised he is
not acquainted with anyone by the name of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he has been retired
for several years and is not in any way associated with
the Little Havana Activities Center and is not acquainted
with RAFAEL VILLAVERDE, Director of Little Havana Activities
Center.

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[REDACTED] stated that he receives no income
from the welfare agencies.

[REDACTED] stated that the only [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] he knew died several years ago; but he never
resided with him at [REDACTED]

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LITTLE HAVANA ACTIVITY CENTER, AKA
FAG - DHEW (WELFARE) (A)

TO: SAC, MIAMI (46-4385) (P)

On the evening of 5/8/78 SA [REDACTED] was telephonically
contacted by SA [REDACTED] who advised that his source
[REDACTED] had called and advised him of [REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED] contacted the source who advised that [REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED] thereupon contacted AUSA [REDACTED] at
his residence [REDACTED] and advised him of above. AUSA
[REDACTED] indicated [REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED] telephonically contacted [REDACTED] She indicated [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] advised her of AUSA [REDACTED] decision.
No further action taken at this time.

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REPORTING OFFICE MIAMI	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MIAMI	DATE MAY 10 1978	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/13 - 4/21/78
TITLE OF CASE ✓ RAFAEL VILLAVERDE, Executive Director LITTLE HAVANA ACTIVITY CENTER, aka Little Havana Activities Center, Incorporated		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE FAG-DHEW (WELFARE) (A)	

REFERENCE

Miami report of SA [REDACTED] dated 3/1/78.
Miami teletype to Bureau dated 5/4/78.

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1. Will continue interviews relevant to documenting wrongdoing at Little Havana Activity Center.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	PRETRIAL DIVERSION	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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4 - Bureau (46-71902) 1 - USA, MIAMI (ATTN: AUSA [REDACTED]) ② - Miami (46-4385 [REDACTED])		Searched Indexed Serialized Filed	
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2. Will conduct record reviews to document meal program and payroll misuse allegations.

3. Will recontact AVELINA ALVAREZ to determine specific period of employment as a paid babysitter.

ADMINISTRATIVE

On March 20, 1978, SA [] attempted to make contact with [] for purpose of interview.

SA [] was advised that [] was in the Pan American Hospital and unavailable for interview.

SA [] telephonically contacted Pan American Hospital at 261-9077 and ascertained that [] had been admitted for [] He was in the [] in [] Therefore, no interview has been pursued.

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Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney, Miami, Florida
(Attention: Assistant U.S. Attorney [redacted])

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Report of: [redacted]
Date: [redacted]

Office: MIAMI, FLORIDA

MAY 10 1978.

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Bureau File #: 46-71902

Title: RAFAEL VILLAVARDE,
Executive Director,
LITTLE HAVANA ACTIVITY CENTER

Character: FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT-DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
EDUCATION AND WELFARE (WELFARE)

Synopsis:

[redacted] JUSTO REGALADO, and [redacted] identified by a number of individuals as receiving payments from Little Havana Activity Center (LHAC), but not working there. AVELINA ALVAREZ, [redacted] identified as [redacted] for [redacted] ALVAREZ denies receiving payments from LHAC; [redacted] claims to work at [redacted] not interviewed. Time and attendance records at LHAC altered to prevent audits from uncovering overpayments for hours worked. Billings for meals determined by LHAC employee [redacted] with no independent count by meal provider. Figures for actual number of meals served disputed when compared to meals charged to LHAC. [redacted] denied any wrong doing in [redacted] is now [redacted] determined to not have been paid by LHAC during the period of time she was involved in the reelection campaign of MANOLO REBOSO. LHAC required to conform with certain state and local laws for compliance with federal guidelines. DHEW and Florida HRS personnel unaware of LHAC being authorized to operate Los Viejos Utiles. HRS required to approve meals served at LHAC sites. FGJ scheduled to begin [redacted]

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PART 1.

INTERVIEWS OF CURRENT AND FORMER EMPLOYEES
AND INDIVIDUALS AFFILIATED WITH LITTLE HAVANA
ACTIVITY CENTER OPERATIONS.

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Date of transcription 5/1/78

[redacted]
[redacted] telephone number [redacted] was contacted
by Special Agents (SAs) [redacted]
She was advised of the nature of the interview and inter-
view was conducted in the Spanish language. [redacted]
provided the following information:

[redacted] stated she was employed as a [redacted]
[redacted] on or about [redacted]
[redacted] She sought employment because of the [redacted]
[redacted] She was
advised by a friend, [redacted] that a position at [redacted]
[redacted] would become open because of the pending resignation
of [redacted]

She stated she also asked RAFAEL VILLAYERDE about
a job at Little Havana Activity Center (LHAC). She knows
VILLAYERDE because RAFAEL and [redacted] spent
some time together in [redacted] VILLAYERDE
then sent her to be interviewed by [redacted] who was
the [redacted] at
LHAC.

She started working at [redacted] around
[redacted] She was paid by United Way
and her duties at [redacted] were to [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] The elderly ate at the Dining Hall
by presenting a meal ticket.

[redacted] said there were about three more workers
at Peter's Plaza but did not recall who paid them. She
said there were some volunteers from Miami Dade Community
College. The driver at Peter's Plaza was [redacted]
The cleaning lady was [redacted] She does not know
who pays [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] Date dictated 4/25/78

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At Peter's Plaza, [redacted] was also the [redacted]
[redacted] She worked at [redacted] from around [redacted]
[redacted] She enjoyed working at [redacted]
[redacted] and was very happy with the personnel and the
elderly until she was transferred to [redacted] because of
[redacted]

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At LHAC, she became the [redacted]
[redacted] She said that she was planning on resigning
after the incidents at [redacted] and even presented
a letter of resignation. She said her resignation was
not accepted and was turned down and she was then placed
in another position at [redacted] which was the [redacted]
[redacted]

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She worked for the [redacted] for
[redacted] This was at the insistence
of [redacted] She knows [redacted] very well, as she has
known her since [redacted] While working
for the [redacted] she initially
worked out of the [redacted] Her main duties
being to [redacted] She
was paid [redacted] a week by the [redacted]
[redacted]

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She said she obtained approval for a leave of
absence from [redacted]
[redacted] This was requested so as to work for the
[redacted] had two other offices
in the Miami area. One was at [redacted] and the other
at an [redacted] Her job also consisted of
[redacted] She
stated she did not know [redacted] while she was working at
[redacted]

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[redacted] said that at Peter's Plaza, approximately
one hundred meals were served each day. [redacted]
[redacted]

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As for Botellas, at LHAC she was not aware of
any, only that reference was made that she was one. She

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never received a check and requested to have it endorsed for United Way.

She left LHAC on [redacted] to accept a

[redacted] position at the [redacted]

[redacted] She stated that she

is now [redacted]

[redacted] provided the following identifying information:

Name:
Nee:
Sex:
Race:
Nationality:

Date of birth:
Place of birth:
Husband:
Occupation:

[Redacted area for identifying information]

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PART II.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE OBTAINING OF RECORDS

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On March 13, 1978, SA [redacted] met with Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] to discuss anticipated investigations and interviews to be conducted during the week of March 20, 1978 regarding Little Havana Activity Center (LHAC).

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Assistant U. S. Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] also had prepared subpoenas for [redacted]

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On [redacted] SAs [redacted] served the subpoenas on [redacted] SAs [redacted] served the subpoena on [redacted]

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On March 23, 1978 SA [redacted] was made an agent of the Federal Grand Jury (FGJ) to receive [redacted] that had been subpoenaed but which had not been received. SA [redacted] was also made a custodian of [redacted] which had been brought before the FGJ.

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[redacted] brought to the FGJ for [redacted] They were submitted by [redacted]

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[redacted] advised AUSA [redacted] that the subpoenaed [redacted]

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AUSA [redacted] advised that [redacted] from the [redacted] had called and indicated that [redacted] AUSA [redacted] agreed with this approach and stated he would so advise the FGJ.

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No representative from [] appeared at FGJ.

AUSA [] subsequently advised SA [] that he had been in contact with [] who advised that he had misinterpreted the date for FGJ appearance and that the subpoenaed [] would be made available on March 24, 1978.

On March 23, 1978, SAs [] met with [] to initiate review of [] made available [] but declined to furnish []

[] indicated that he would have [] contact AUSA [] to resolve [] available.

Subsequent contact with AUSA [] resolved that if []

On March 27, 1978 SA [] telephonically contacted [] and advised of the necessity to []

however, subsequently SA [] received a telephone call from [] legal department in []

At [] furnished SAs [] with []

On March 24, 1978 SAs [] obtained []

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[redacted] also indicated that he did not interpret the subpoena to mean [redacted]
[redacted]

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Review indicated that [redacted]
[redacted] were not furnished.

Review of what [redacted]
[redacted]

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On March 24, 1978, SAs [redacted]
met with [redacted] She advised that [redacted]
[redacted]

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Later on March 24, 1978, [redacted] telephonically contacted SA [redacted] and advised that [redacted]
[redacted]

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SA [redacted] on March 27, 1978.

On March 27, 1978, [redacted] telephonically advised SA [redacted] that [redacted]
[redacted]

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On March 28, 1978 SAs [redacted]
went to [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] was advised of the identity
of Special Agent [redacted] furnished SA
[redacted] with [redacted]
[redacted]

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She also advised that [redacted]

Prior to [redacted]
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[redacted]
[redacted]
at [redacted] by SA [redacted]

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[redacted] acknowledged that [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] was requested to furnish [redacted]
to SA [redacted] for [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] was agreeable to furnishing [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

On April 11, 1978 AUSA [redacted] office
was advised of the requested subpoena. A subpoena was made
available and served upon [redacted]

On April 19, 1978, [redacted] furnished [redacted]
to the Federal Grand Jury, Miami, Florida.

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On April 26, 1978, AUSA [redacted] advised that he will
begin [redacted] for the Federal Grand Jury
beginning [redacted]

PART III.

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OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE AND FLORIDA
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On April 11, 1978, SA [] telephonically contacted [] of the Aging Division, Office of Human Development Services, Region 4, U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, (DHEW), Atlanta, Georgia regarding captioned matter at FTS 242-5901.

[] was asked about the appropriateness of payments to [] at Los Viejos Utiles, payments to Little Havana Activity Center (LHAC) employees under several Federal grants, and charging participants for availing themselves of the programs offered by LHAC.

[] responded that although he was in charge of the DHEW area responsible for LHAC, the actual monitoring of LHAC and detailed knowledge of their operations would be on a state level. In this case the administering agency would be the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRS). Therefore, he could not specifically answer these questions without making some additional contacts.

[] stated that LHAC does not have a direct Federal contract with DHEW. Their contract is through HRS.

[] further responded that questions could be better answered by someone more familiar with the LHAC program. He advised that [] would be made available to answer questions.

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1Date of transcription 4/25/78

[redacted]
[redacted] State of Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRS), 1321 Winewood Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida, was advised of the identity of Special Agent (SA) [redacted] and the nature of the interview. He furnished the following information:

On April 11, 1978, while an HRS audit was going on, HRS conducted an unannounced monitoring of the Little Havana Activity Center (LHAC) meal sites.

The HRS audit is being conducted under [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] does not know how [redacted] got his job with HRS.

[redacted] does not know [redacted]

[redacted] furnished a photocopy of a resume for [redacted]
[redacted]

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SA [redacted]

Date dictated 4/24/78

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